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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : Clifford D. May
Director of Data Processing

SUBJECT : COMTEN User's Exchange

1. Action Requested: This memorandum requests that you approve the Office of Data Processing (ODP) entering into the attached formal agreement to join the COMTEN User's Exchange.

2. Background: ODP owns several pieces of COMTEN computer equipment. This equipment is a programmable terminal switching device, which allows us to switch an ODP user's terminal from one computer to another automatically, in response to keyboard commands from the user. In order to share unclassified technical information with other installations that use COMTEN equipment, ODP belongs to the Washington, D.C. area COMTEN User's Group. As explained in the attached agreement, the members of the COMTEN User's Group have established a software library to exchange programs for COMTEN equipment among themselves. The COMTEN Library is similar to the Federal Software Exchange Program sponsored by GSA, in which CIA currently participates. The terms of the agreement seem to protect Library users from any liability which might result from donating or receiving software.

3. Staff Position: My staff believes it would be in CIA's best interest to join the COMTEN User's Exchange to take advantage of software programs written by other organizations. We, in turn, are prepared to donate programs that ODP personnel have written, assuming the terms of the agreement provide CIA with appropriate protection from potential liability. We are anxious to expedite this approval in order to accept some software in which we have an immediate interest.

4. Recommendation: I recommend that you approve my signing the attached agreement on behalf of CIA to acknowledge our understanding and acceptance of the agreement.


Clifford D. May, Jr.

STATINTL

Att: a/s

CONCUR:

Signed: John F. Blake

Deputy Director for Administration

7 APR 1978

Date

DO NOT CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Administration

Date

APPROVED:

General Counsel

Date

NOT APPROVED:

General Counsel

Date

Distribution:

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2 - DDA (DWH)

1 - DD/P/ODP

CUE 3670 LIBRARY ORDER FORM
and
LIBRARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To: Members of the Washington, D. C. Area COMTEN User's Exchange
From: Gary Desler, Librarian
Subject: Library Distribution Terms and Conditions

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As evidence of your understanding and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions, kindly sign and date the attached copy of this letter and return it to the undersigned.

Gary Desler HFA-73
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Title/Position: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City, State, and Zip: _____
Date: _____